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next month. Maggie is there now, she started a week ago, taking Johnny with her, she intends to stay two or three weeks, she has been feeling very miserable for some time and John thought the visit would do her good. Journal says Luther complaining of so much weakness in his back and limbs that he lies in bed nearly all the time. You ask about the chances for selling out, I can hardly tell you, one of our buyers has bought a farm a few miles from us, the other one thinks it better to sell his own property in Whitewater first, and then is so much on the market just now, it is slow work. Last week David has had bills printed and put up about the Town and country, whether that will help to hurry matters or not, remains to be seen, as far as we can see, it

Port Hope, Ont. Feb 10th /84

Dear Brother John

Yours of Jan. 14th was received gladly, and it really surprised me to hear that you had thought of visiting us at this frozen time of year. remembering that you had planned otherwise, but I assure you, your face would have been a most welcome sight, and I sincerely hope that the next time you see an opportunity, nothing will occur to hinder you. The article you mention must I think, be the one we missed in the book you sent us, and must be an interesting one. I am very sorry indeed to know that you had to waste so much of your precious time searching for that manuscript. I have wondered since, how many other things may have shared the same fate,

of being mislaid. I could not answer your letter at once, as I was not prepared to answer your questions in regard to Mother's affairs, so I went to Town the first opportunity to see David. Knowing that he understood more fully how she stood in regard to money matters, he told me that you had already written to him, also to Mother, and that he had sent you all the required information. Mother is looking real well just now, her manner of living is simple, and easy. she is like you, she must have her parritch and milk in the morning, goes out to dinner at an eating-house kept by an Edinburgh Scotchman near her home, and for supper she takes just a morsel of something, or often nothing at all, thinking she can sleep better without it. so as not to disarrange her plans, we

send Celie to dinner at the same place, with her, and I prepare, and send in provisions for her other meals, she has a washwoman come to the house when required, so you see Father keeps house in the easiest manner possible. You said you had not heard from Annie for some time, my last letter from her brought the most cheering account of her health that we have had since she left us. she says she is decidedly better, she coughs much less frequently, and is no longer hoarse, also she feels a little stronger, and hopes to gain in that direction much faster when the weather is so that she can spend more time out of doors. Anna had letter from her last week she thinks she will be able to go to Kansas City